



# News Release

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### MEDIA ADVISORY

## **Army National Guard's 32nd Infantry Brigade headquarters expected home Thursday**

### **Onalaska-based Army Reserve unit also expected home on Thursday flight**

The Wisconsin Army National Guard's 32nd Infantry Brigade headquarters is scheduled to be back in Wisconsin Thursday after serving more than 13 months on active duty and service in Southwest Asia for nearly one full year. The unit's 80 soldiers are headquartered at Camp Williams, with a detachment in Wausau. They were ordered to active duty June 20, 2005 and deployed to Kuwait in late July 2005.

The unit is expected to arrive at Volk Field Thursday, July 27, aboard a charter flight due at about 2:00 p.m. Also aboard will be about 115 soldiers of the Army Reserve's 458th Ordnance Service Company of Onalaska.

Soldiers will be met by senior National Guard and Army Reserve officials, the Guard's 132nd Army Band, and hundreds of family members, friends and fellow Guard and Reserve soldiers. Following an initial reunion with their families and a brief official "welcome home," the soldiers will travel to nearby Fort McCoy to begin several days of demobilization processing.

While deployed overseas, the 32nd Brigade soldiers were based in Kuwait as an element of the 377th Theater Support Command. The Wisconsin soldiers supported U.S. military forces throughout the United States Central Command area of operations.

After redeployment of the 32nd Brigade headquarters, the Wisconsin National Guard will still have about 2,800 soldiers and airmen on active duty. Of those, approximately 2,600 are currently deployed overseas.

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**Note to Editors and News Directors:** News media are welcome to cover the return of the 32nd Infantry Brigade headquarters and 458th Ordnance Company Thursday. The units are expected to arrive at Volk Field at about 2:00 p.m. Volk Field is located near Camp Douglas in Juneau County, just off exit 55 on Interstate Highways 90-94.

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## **Guard, Reserve units return to Volk Field**

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This event is not open to the general public, so we would appreciate any advance news stories not imply that the general public is invited. Access to the base will only be given to soldiers' families, military and invited public officials, and members of the news media who make arrangements in advance.

Following the aircraft's arrival, soldiers and their families will have about 90 minutes together before the soldiers are bused to Fort McCoy to begin several days of demobilization processing. It is not yet known exactly when they will be released from active duty.

News media organizations wishing to cover the Volk Field arrivals should call Lt. Col. Tim Donovan, 608-242-3050 or Cell 608-516-1777 (for the National Guard) or Maj. Annmarie Daneker, 612-713-3011 or Cell 612-290-0517 (for the Army Reserve) so arrangements can be made for access to the military installation. News media will not be permitted on the base unless arrangements have been made in advance.

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